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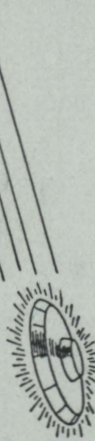
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**Society History**

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of  
the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying  
Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas,  
in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian  
Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two  
years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the  
"Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This  
shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation  
Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency  
passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was  
formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying  
Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the  
"Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B.  
as President. In 1968 the name was again altered — this time to the  
"Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably  
best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in  
1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian  
U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour  
program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth  
Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a  
scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in  
General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern  
Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the  
Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society — which maintains the largest membership of  
any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere — is open to all who  
are genuinely interested in the subject.



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Since there appears to be little in the way of UFO Reports to take our interest at the moment, let us turn back the clock on UFOlogy's early days in this country.

When I joined this organisation in 1958, there was a large number of easy-to-work-with researchers in the various states, all keen to co-operate

This Society was then known as the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.

Roy Russell was President of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau and names like Carl Lehmann, Keith Flitcroft, Mrs. M. Roberts, Ivy Sutton and Col Phillips, now President, were all well known members of that group, who worked diligently to investigate reports and publish them in their publication.

Vicki Klein in Canberra was a tireless worker for the Canberra Society and John Drake from West Australia travelled from Perth to Canberra for one of the early UFO Conferences. Les Locke and his Perth Group were also energetic workers for the UFO cause and when I visited W.A. in 1965, found them extremely generous with their time to help make my stay there a most memorable one.

Fred Stone, one of the early researchers in South Australia published "The Australian Saucer Record" and since his death some years back, Colin Morris has become the most familiar name associated with the subject in that State. He has also hosted one of the early UFO Conferences.

We also had a good rapport with the reliable Tasmanian Group and still exchange publications with them.

Mr. Peter E. Morris LL B, was a co-founder of this Society in 1957 and was the hard-working President until 1978, at which time I was asked to take on the position of President.

Mr. Paul Norman who joined us from the United States in 1963 is Vice President and Investigator for VUFORS and has been interested in the subject since 1952. He is in close touch with scientists and researchers both in the U.S.A. and Britain and is currently representing VUFORS in those countries.

In more recent years however, petty jealousies have infiltrated this co-operation with other parties, in the form of pseudo-academics whose arrogance shows a complete disregard for either fellow researchers or witnesses they may feel disposed to interview.

Their publications are put out with inaccurate reports, since, having incurred the wrath of witnesses, they are forced to glean much of their information from the press, well noted for inaccurate reporting, while the reliable ones, they choose to ignore, still disseminate their information correctly. VUFORS does not vie for the top position on the totem pole. We are satisfied to be the quiet achievers, gaining members and doing exactly what we were formed to do:- 'gather information, analyse it and disseminate it to the public'.

Editor: Judith Magee.



A NEW LOOK AT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS...by PAUL NORMAN.

The recent sightings of unidentified pulsating objects manoeuvring in the skies of Victoria have given additional evidence that UFOs commonly called 'flying saucers' are gravity powered spaceships and Australian Park's Radio Telescope is now playing a key role in a new discovery which may lead to the secret of inter-planetary propulsion for spaceships.

Understanding the nature of gravity and its role in the universe may be near at hand due to evidence now coming from far out into space 1500 million light years away and from the mysterious flying saucers being sighted in our atmosphere all over the world.

Gravity is the most familiar yet the most mysterious force known to mankind. We do not know what it is, we do know that whatever it is, gravity is a very potent force indeed.

As we know, Einstein's famous unified theory indicates that electricity, magnetism and gravity are all manifestations of one force. Until we know and understand the nature of this force we must use the familiar orthodox term.

For many years UFO researchers have been reporting that the flying saucers are gravity powered, nuclear powered, electric powered and light powered spaceships capable of shifting from any of these forces to the other at will. The researchers have long explained that the unknown observers have solved the problem of gravity and have some unknown means of controlling gravity. But the pulsations many times observed when the strange machines manoeuvred through the air remained one of the most mysterious manifestations until a few days ago.

A surprising new clue came to flying saucer research from an unexpected source -- none other than famous English Astronomer Fred Hoyle and mathematician Dr. Vishnu Norikar, neither of whom may realise the full implications and significance of their disclosure.

For the past few months, astronomers have been stunned with the startling new discovery of the QUASARS or QUASI-STARS. Radio astronomers working with the new Park's Radio Telescope pinpointed the position of one of these super stars called 3C-773. Its position was sent to Palomar's 200 inch telescope in California where a photograph was made.

To register on a photographic plate over such a vast distance the luminous star would have to be at least 100 times brighter than our galaxy. Astronomers are now trying to understand the implications of this great new discovery.

They say: The strangest thing about these stars is that they apparently obtain most of the blinding energy from the force of gravity. This makes them unique in the universe since conventional stars like our sun are thought to draw their energy from internal nuclear reactions: (Like the H-bomb, nuclear-powered submarines, ships & more recently nuclear electric power generating stations).

At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Astronomers, Hoyle made an unexpected disclosure -- "These newly found stars", he said, "must be gravity powered, and if gravity powered, it becomes important to understand gravity properly". Hoyle pointed out what UFO researchers have been trying for years to get before the general public, including the scientific world, and that is "the mathematical formula used by the late Dr. Einstein to describe gravity could just as well describe anti-gravity by a simple change of a minus sign to a plus sign."

Toward the end of his announcement, Professor Hoyle suggested "that X-Ray telescopes be launched into orbit for better observations" followed by a statement which should send every open minded scientist to the files of UFO research groups everywhere to review the thousands of observed cases of pulsating flying objects from all over the world.



Listen to Hoyle carefully : "If these stars are gravity powered they will be found to be pulsating ... and should be throbbing about once each second". While this statement is made with reference to stars, it revealed a characteristic that gravity power would have. When the performance of UFOs operating in our skies was first reported, orthodoxy loudly and widely proclaimed the usual impossibilities, i.e. "Such fantastic speeds would melt the metal by friction"... "No being could withstand sudden stops in mid-air nor the instantaneous accelerations"; "Earthly intelligence has not devised anti-gravity control, therefore hovering in mid-air is impossible". "Such performance is unknown to science therefore it doesn't exist", etc. etc. etc.

Most all our inventions have been the result of natural observation. Such as : man first thought of flying when observing the birds. The arch in a bridge adds greater strength like the arch in the foot. Spectroscopes duplicate a simple rainbow.

The briquette works at Morwell and Yallourn duplicate nature to make black coal from brown from compression, because nature failed to provide sufficient overburden for sufficient pressure when the earth was in upheaval in this area.

And alongside the open cuts, the great power stations of the Latrobe Valley are generating and transmitting energy which was first observed in nature. Then there is sonar used by submarines to detect underwater objects : the common bat used it all along. Volumes could be written on the role nature has played in ideas for inventions of mankind.

The gravitational field of the flying saucers is also duplication of nature. While we do not know the principle involved in this duplication as yet we do know some of the reactions and effects once this duplication is achieved.

For example : we are in earth's gravitational field. We are spinning at 1000 miles per hour. At the same time we are hurtling through space in a second direction at 43,000 miles per hour and still another direction at 72,000 miles per hour. As we move in orbit around the sun and as the solar system moves in its path in the Milky Way Galaxy we are moving in at least 3 directions at fantastic speeds. Yet we are quite comfortable in earth's gravitational field. We do not even have a sense of motion.

Likewise, occupants of an artificially created field could also perform fantastic speeds and the craft would not disintegrate because the force would apply simultaneously as Einstein's theory pointed out the evidence is clearly indicated that gravity is under control by the colour change of the vehicles.

The changing colour is explained as the machines perform superior aerial feats by a simple law of vision. The longest light rays appear to our eyes as red. Any longer wavelengths pass beyond our sight into the infra-red band of the spectrum. The shortest light rays appear to our eyes as the colour violet. Any shorter wavelengths pass beyond our vision into the ultra-violet band of the spectrum.

The colour pattern usually is as follows : in sunlight, which is brighter than shining of the object they appear like metal. At night when hovering or moving slowly and when not much power is necessary, they are usually dark orange and cherry red. If more driving power is needed, the colour brightens and appears yellow, yellow-green like a copper flame. When at high speed they are usually extremely white or whitish-blue.

The influence of gravity on light has been pointed out by astronomers as they observe the stars. Therefore, G-field of the flying saucer is variable and strong enough to effect the frequency of the light waves which explains both gravity control and colour change of the object.



The G-field explanation accounts for the reason the craft can withstand the friction at the fantastic speeds which have been clocked by radar, as well as visual sighting simultaneously. As we know by a simple law of physics, when an object moves rapidly through molecules of air, the friction causes a positive charge to be formed on the hull and by a simple law of electricity, we know that like poles repel and unlike poles retract. Thus by inducing a positive electrical charge within the machine when moving rapidly through the atmosphere, the molecules are repelled tending to produce a narrow band of vacuum around the moving hull reducing the friction.

By a simple law of sound, we know that if there were any noise associated with the object, the sound would not pass through the vacuum. Although a low humming noise is sometimes heard when UFOs are low and moving slowly or hovering.

In addition, a G-field would drag surrounding air along with it. There would be no turbulence, further reducing the friction and accounting for the silence.

The gravitational field also explains the sometimes cloud-like appearance, especially when flying slowly and low when pacing a motor-car as was experienced by drivers in the vicinity of Wonthaggi recently. The G-field would tend to hold mist vapour, smoke and dust to its surface.

The G-field explanation accounts for the reason radio and television interference is sometimes experienced when UFOs are in the area, such as occurred around Wonthaggi and South Dudley on the 19th September, 1963. Within a mile wide area below the object, malfunctions in the T.V. sets varied considerably. There were white screens, grey screens, streaky with lines, or with lines and two pictures in one. Radio and television are usually the first devices to be affected. If the G-field moves closer, motor car ignitions and headlights have been known to fail from the effect of the field. There are cases where city lights have blacked out when UFOs when hovering low over the city. Electric power lines have been interrupted in various parts of the world.

These stronger effects usually occur when the objects are very close to the effected apparatus and depending on the magnitude of the variable field.

During a three month period between the 15th Oct. 1957, and 30th Jan. 1958, we know of at least 41 cases of electro-magnetic phenomena associated with the appearance of these mystery craft as they descended into our skies. These were : stalled motor-cars, dimmed headlights, interrupted power and headlights, power and light failure, and interference to radio and television sets, in the following countries - France, England, Italy, Norway, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Canada, Australia and America.

Objects demonstrating all the above manifestations have occurred within a one hundred mile radius within the past 10 months. The most recent sighting occurred as late as the 12th June 1964 and was reported in the Free Press. The sightings, in the vicinity of Wonthaggi were printed in the Sun and covered in detail by the Wonthaggi Express during Sept. and October 1963. Similar sightings and experiences are occurring in all parts of the world.

Yet in spite of this dramatic succession of manifestations, the scientific world as a whole remains in deep dogmatic slumber.

Such a field would give protection from radiation, to a spacecrew, by trapping particles in outer edges of the field the same way as earth's field protects mankind from this danger. The G-field would provide additional protection by glancing meteorites, space junk and other matter which is constantly flying through space, off the spaceship as it sped through space.



Orthodox scientists have scoffed at the G-field explanation, but since its adoption Dr. Hermann Oberth, the father of modern rocketry, inventor of the V-2 and the professor who taught rocketry to Werner von Braun, the sneers are beginning to fade from their dogmatic faces.

Even Einstein's theory required an atomic split to gain a small crack into the closed mind of orthodoxy. At times this crack appears to be widening, reluctantly, but widening nevertheless.

Incidentally, when Einstein was approached on the subject of flying saucers shortly before his death, his reply did not come with a sneer. He stated: "These people are seeing something" nor was he speaking in terms of hallucinations or light reflecting from the belly of a Canadian goose.

Some sightings of the mysterious craft racing through our skies at these tremendous speeds are officially explained as sea gulls or other birds.....! If true, it should be a great moment in history for students of biology, for it is the first recorded appearance of supersonic sea gulls!

In this new field of research, orthodoxy is reacting as it always has throughout history against the Galileos, the Pasteurs, the Wright Brothers, the Marconis, the Billy Mitchells, or anyone else who becomes tall enough to see outside the traditional rut.

Orthodox science has come to realise only in the past two decades, that billions of planets exist in our galaxy alone, but only a few scientists will yet accept the simple law of life, that intelligent life does not sit around twiddling its thumbs unless retarded by dogmatism and there is nothing else left to do. Orthodoxy at its best is only the space between steps. The frequency of those steps is restricted by the resistance between.

Responsibility rests on the shoulders of all serious research groups and open minded scientists, astronomers and all other professional people, especially those who have observed strange objects, to close ranks and lend their talents to meaningful scientific investigation and help solve the 20th century's greatest mystery - UFO's - the riddle of the skies!

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Frankline E. Roach (University of Hawaii); Affiliate Astronomer.....

"The UFO phenomenon involves astronomers since the unidentified objects are often seen in the sky, a domain that astronomers have long considered their own. The speculative interpretation of some UFO's as visitations by nonterrestrial intelligent beings usually causes dismay on the part of astronomers because they appreciate the enormous distances involved in the transport between ports of call. However, the public interest in UFO's has lured university students into the study of astronomy (see Ch. 1). I believe that interest in the speculation about possible nonterrestrial origin of UFO's has stimulated a healthy public probing of the fascinating question of extraterrestrial intelligent life".

"I remember a social gathering early in the Colorado Project, which I worked on, when Dr. Hynek summed up his attitude with the words "I am puzzled". My reaction was "I am curious", and this led me into the UFO study. Later my curiosity developed into an interest in the general problem of extraterrestrial life (quite apart from possible visitations), and I was especially intrigued by the late



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Otto Struve's interest in the problem which developed from his work on the rotation of stars. Many astronomers would agree with Gerard Kuiper, who said :

"I should correct a statement that has been made that scientists have shied away from UFO reports for fear of ridicule... A scientist chooses his field of inquiry because he believes it holds real promise. If later his choice proves wrong, he will feel very badly and try to sharpen his criteria before he sets out again. Thus, if society finds that most scientists have not been attracted to the UFO problem, the explanation must be that they have not been impressed with the UFO reports". "

"I think it likely that there are many extraterrestrial civilizations in our galaxy, but I think the evidence of UFO sightings does not support the hypothesis of visitations by these extraterrestrials".

J. Allen Hynek (Northwestern University); Professor & Chairman of Dept. of Astronomy.....

"I have discussed this at length with the noted Canadian philosopher of science, Thomas Goudge. "One of the most interesting facets of the UFO question to me", Goudge writes, "is its bearing on the problem of how science advances. Roughly I would say that a necessary condition of scientific advance is that allowance must be made for (a) genuinely new empirical observations and (b) new explanation schemes, including new basic concepts and new laws". Goudge notes that throughout history any successful explanation scheme, including twentieth-century physics, acts somewhat like an "establishment" and tends to resist genuinely new empirical observations, particularly when they have not been generated within the accepted framework of that scheme - as, for instance, the reluctance to accept meteorites, fossils, the circulation of the blood, and, in our time, ball lighting. History is replete with such examples. When the establishment does accept such new observations it often tends to assimilate them into the going framework - as, for instance, the attempt to admit the existence of meteorites as stones that had been struck by lightning. "Hence", Goudge concludes, "the present establishment view: that UFO phenomena are either not really scientific data at all (or at any rate, not data for physics) or else are nothing but misperceptions of familiar objects, events, etc. To take this approach is surely to reject a necessary condition of scientific advance" ".

"Some may be surprised that so considerable a body of UFO evidence exists. This is the crux of the problem: neither the active scientists nor the public have access to this information. Unfortunately, those who wish to learn about UFOs must get information from the "back fences" of literature - the pulp magazines, the sensational mystery or sex magazines. Until recently, there has not been in this country one scientific journal in which I could publish a well-documented UFO case, yet a recent bibliography of UFO literature ran to 400 pages. The UFO has become a problem for the librarian sooner than it has for the scientist".

"Consider the plight of serious UFO witnesses. I know that such exist because I have interviewed several hundred. Where can they go to report? Only the most naive would report to the Air Force even if Project Bluebook had not been discontinued. To report to the local police is scarcely better. Many witnesses have told me of the ridicule they met when they took that path. Besides, I have seen many police blotters. UFO reports are entered as "complaints" ".

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Following the conclusion of the FALCON LAKE INCIDENT in the March edition of the BULLETIN, one of the leading Canadian researchers - Mr. Henry McKay - has kindly contributed the following comments .....

"Stephen Michalak, is alive and well while still residing in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Chris Rutkowski did an excellent job of summarizing this incident and the follow-up investigation. I can only add a few points of interest of a minor nature and question his interpretation of one vital point. To the best of my knowledge a few items of a personal nature, turned over to government investigators (at their request) have never been returned to Stephen Michalak. Even written requests to various government agencies have not resulted in the return of personal clothing worn during this venture or the original sketch, drawn during the observation period on a brown paper bag, whereabouts still unknown.

The vital point of interpretation relates to the events that follow Stephen's emergence from the forest, attempting to seek assistance from the oncoming police vehicle and meeting with a constable who declined to help him. Chris indicates the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) vehicle turned around to bring the officer back to where Stephen was making his way back to the motel. If this interpretation is correct then Stephen should have observed the vehicle return and note the number of passengers if this observation had not already been made when he attempted to flag down the vehicle initially. Keep in mind the vehicle was coming from the direction of the motel to which Stephen was walking.

I would suggest this officer had been dropped off prior to Michalak seeing the RCMP vehicle and perhaps the vehicle was speeding to investigate a "case" via the access road to the Fire Rangers tower.

Whatever interpretation is factual the events indicate the RCMP were aware of Stephen's encounter many, many hours before Michalak contacted the news media. To the best of my knowledge no RCMP information is available as to the identity of these (?) officers and why they offered no assistance to one in distress. As a point of interest there were other sightings in the region, the same month, the same year.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUBS! and ....  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS? TELL US!

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Thornton Page (Wesleyan University) Professor of Astronomy .....

"The general advancement of science depends heavily on public education in science. Most of the significant research today depends on public support (university, foundation, or government financing). It is therefore obvious that students (and older citizens) must be given enough education in science to recognize worthwhile scientific effort. For a number of reasons, many students as well as the general public are interested in UFOs. Teachers should capitalize on this interest in teaching courses of broad appeal; scientists in general should take advantage of public interest in UFOs to correct public misconceptions about science".



ON THE UFO TRAIL by Paul Norman

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September, 1973 was an interesting month on the UFO Trail in New Zealand, beginning with a meeting of researchers in Wellington. After a friendly visit with Harold Fulton and the Wellington group, followed by a pleasant drive through the scenic countryside, I arrived in Auckland for a visit with another leading Ufologist, Henk Hendflaar, of that country.

The outstanding Moreland case had already come to my attention before migrating to that part of the world. Henk Hendflaar was a close friend of the Morelands and had thoroughly investigated the incident. Mr. & Mrs. Moreland had frequently stopped at his home on the way to their favourite holiday haunt, Norfolk Island, which gave him opportunity to assess ongoing reactions of the couple.

The Morelands lived on a small farm near Blenheim. That July morning in 1957 was misty as Mrs. Moreland walked to her milking shed, when she saw two green lights descending through the mist. She hesitated a moment while thinking it could be the moon; when she realised that it was not, she became more or less "glued" to the ground while viewing the spectacle.

When the object reached a position where she could see what was going on, she saw it was descending from the clouds and if she had remained on that spot it could have "crushed" her. She fled to a grove of pine trees about 40 ft away from where she watched the object come down to about 15 ft above the ground where it stopped and tilted. As it tilted she looked at a dome shaped structure on top and noticed two human shaped figures inside the transparent dome. One was moving about while the other figure remained standing, giving her the impression that the second figure was a robot.

Mrs. Moreland remained standing by the pine trees, wondering what was going to happen next. Suddenly, the craft tilted upwards and took off with a high-pitched whining sound. After it left she noticed a peculiar odour which was later determined to be similar to ozone.

The incident caused confusion in the household; her husband being a security guard at the military aerodrome - Woodburn, which was nearby.

As a result, Mrs. Moreland had an interview with the air-force psychologist who put her through a few tests. One of these being the sound test when he was trying to determine the speed at which the craft was taking off by asking her to indicate what the actual sound was. When this was eventually established, she was told the speed was comparable to 75,000 r.p.m.

The sighting was one of revulsion. Mrs. Moreland feels that she would not like to have another experience. It took much courage for her to make this sighting known and recorded in UFO files. She prefers not to have anything else to do with UFO studies of which she appears to be subconsciously afraid.

As I replayed the recorded interview on my return flight to Melbourne, I thought of another encounter which occurred near a milking shed in Australia where an observer reported a similar object with a transparent dome. I recalled a statement made during a discussion with the witness who said "I think I saw a human figure inside the dome but there is no use to report it, no-one would believe!"

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WOULD ALL WHO HAVE BOOKS FROM THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY, PLEASE RETURN THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING - ON THE 2ND JUNE, '83

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"UFORUM" ... YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. R.L. of Brighton asks "Is it true that many of the Apollo Missions were accompanied by UFOs?"

A. Yes. Most of the manned space flights have sighted UFOs and quite a few UFOs have been photographed. The photographs have been well documented and have appeared in several books and articles.

Q. H.H. from Perth asks: 1) "Have there been any reports of the Men in Black in Australia?"

A. No, in short though we have one unconfirmed report which goes back many years.

Q. 2) "Have there been any reports of people being abducted in Australia?"

A. No cases like the Betty & Barney Hill case; however, the Valentich case comes into this sphere and could be regarded as an abduction.

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William K. Hartmann (University of Arizona) - Professor of Lunar & Planetary Laboratory.....

1) "Although I was involved in the University of Colorado UFO project and was a co-author of the Colorado Report I can present only my own experience, which has shown that in the UFO business one can trust nothing secondhand. Also, in my experience, the UFO evidence is very poor. In studying photographic cases I went to a number of the UFO enthusiasts and asked for their lists of the best cases. From these I chose the strongest UFO cases to investigate, but even these all fell apart upon close examination. They included such photo-classics as Santa Ana, Vandenberg AFB (Air Force tracking films), Tremonton, Beaver County, and the Fort Belvoir ring (cases 49 to 53 in the Condon Report)."

2) "To discuss UFOs in a scientific way we must define terms. For 'UFO' I accept the definition of the Colorado Report: essentially it is an unidentified object or apparition considered strange by the observer".

3) "This is popular usage, but it leaves a need for other terms to make the discussion clear. A UFO can become an identified flying object after investigation. If not, it may be considered an Extraordinary flying object, that is, something beyond the bounds of recognized natural phenomena. Even more startling, it might be called an alien flying object meaning a vehicle constructed by alien intelligence".

4) "Unfortunately, the Air Force decided that the UFO affair should be hushed up so as not to clog security networks with sightings generated by an excited public. Though this move to secrecy reflected the uneasiness of the times, it was a crucial error because it encouraged, instead of discouraging rumor".

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- 5) "The sociology of UFOs can tell us something about human nature. Jules Verne said "What one man can imagine, another man can do". I propose a corollary "What one man can fantasize, another man will believe".
- 6) "Note added in proof..... In view of growing popularity of television science fiction serials, and soon-to-be-published evidence from Mariner 9 that Mars was more clement in the past, one might anticipate a resurgence of UFO interest by the date of this book's publication".

### SIGHTING AT TONEBRIDGE, W.A.

- (P.U.F.O.R.G. Investigator - Mr. Jim Cooper)

On 4th October, 1982 at 7.20 pm farmer G.S. Hinks was indoors when suddenly he heard a loud roaring noise. He rushed outside to see a bright, white light moving very fast, from East to West. Mr. Hinks said the noise lasted about seven seconds, visual sighting was about 2 seconds; the object was travelling very fast. Mr. Hinks states the approaching noise sounded as though an aircraft would hit the house, but the noise became too loud to be a conventional plane. The noise was to the South and the light to the North West.

Nearby farmers John and Doris Chapman also heard the loud roaring noise but by the time they got outside there was nothing to see. It was lightly raining at the time. Another farmer, Mr. Laurie Tuckett reported very much the same. At first he thought it was a twin engined aircraft, but the noise it made changed his mind. It was like a heavy truck going up a steep hill, roaring like hell. He had visual sighting for about 30 seconds. There were five other witnesses to this sighting.

A check with R.A.A.F. has ruled out any military aircraft. They said they had no aircraft in the area at that time.

The Department of Aviation has found that there were no Commercial or Private flights anywhere near the area.

The Bureau of Meteorology's Weather Report for the area at that time was as follows:

WIND	111/20 KTS
TEMPERATURE	15° C
RAINFALL	5 mm between 1500 4th Oct & 0900 5th Oct.
FULL CLOUD COVERAGE	1500 9000-12,000 ft
(Altostratus)	1900 9000-12,000 ft

The noise that the object made was heard over a large area, from Qualeup Sth to Mordalup and West to Curunup.

The witnesses are all familiar with aircraft, so any mistakes are highly unlikely. In the opinion of the Investigator all witnesses appear sensible, hard working fplk, and have nothing to gain by inventing a UFO. They are all farmers of high repute. There was no report of any interference to phones or television, no strange behaviour from dogs or indeed any other farm animals. None of the witnesses have experienced any after effects.

Credit: M.A. Borley, Perth UFO Research Group,  
Sighting Co-Ordinator. 1/11/82

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BOOK REVIEW"UFO's A SCIENTIFIC DEBATE"

302 pages

Book No. 29

15 chapters

30 illustrations &amp; tables

Edited by -- Carl Sagan

Ed. 1972

- Thornton Page

Indexed/contents

Looking for a book to review I came across Carl Sagan's name. A man who I do not admire, whose attitude to anything beyond the science text book resemble's Pope Paul V's (1616) attitude to Galilei Galileo.

I took up the book to see what he had to say and to my surprise he was only in one chapter. I read on to find that this book was remarkably good and a mind stimulator.

The book, edited by Sagan and Page was produced from a symposium held in Boston, Massachusetts on December 26th & 27th, 1969, and was sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (A.A.A.S.). It is made up of 15 lectures produced by astronomers, physicists, sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists and the media. Men like Hynek, McDonald, Menzel, Sagan, Page, etc. all have something to say.

As quoted from the book "Scientists being human beings do not always approach controversial subjects dispassionately and the reader will occasionally find in these pages the heat of passion as well as the light of scientific inquiry".

The book is divided into four parts such as Background/Observation/Social and Psychological aspects/Retro-spective and Perspective, and it is made up of a collection of UFO cases, examples, personal views and scientific data.

Both sides of the UFO case are covered and social and psychological aspects of UFOs on the public is very well given. Looking at topics ranging from science, UFOs, radar, photography, history, sociological perspectives on UFO reports, interpretation, witnesses abilities, and media influence etc.

It is a well balanced book, and not to Carl Sagan's credit but to the credit of the AAAS; this is probably the first step toward's trying to produce a scientific paper on the subject of UFOs.

In the ten years since the book was issued, it is interesting to read the critics' points of view and to see how some ideas have or have not changed. If anything, the UFO case is stronger now than ever.

For your information, I hope to run in this edition and coming VUFORS magazines, extracts of these lectures.

This is not a book of UFO sightings but a refreshing book that looks at "What are UFOs and do they exist", and one thing I can say is that the book shows there are still unanswered questions regarding the physics and psychology of the phenomenon.

JOHN AUCHETTL

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